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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

We have in our time been asked the question, "Do pupils come to Chemawa voluntarily?" Once and for all let us declare that there is no doubt of it. They come because they like to be here—nothing else explains the reason of the large numbers still coming. There are opportunities here not offered in every school and the pupils are quick to seize upon them.

Pupils are enrolled at Chemawa from various of the states, and from Alaska. We wish that all could have our view-point on the matter of Indian education. It pays, and pays largely, too! There are many people who decry all efforts for better educational conditions, be those conditions for white or red. But each year we find less opposition to education, because the opposers are becoming more enlightened themselves.

Just as in all schools, we have a few drones, but the majority of our students are very much alive. But this condition exists in all schools. Pupils anxious to come here from Alaska, for instance, will usually be found possessed of ideas of something which he or she wishes to do. Such students almost invariably will place a high valuation on what the school provides them.

In Chemawa there are various organizations, religious and social, which are of value to our young people. Some of our readers whose experiences have taught them that everything has a cost may wonder where the money comes from to pay for all of this. As "many hands make labor light," so many students make expenses light for the individual. Let us remind our readers that there are innumerable things,